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CORN, COTTON, HAY, PEANUT and WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE UP FROM LAST YEAR IN SC

The June Acreage Survey, recently completed by the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office, indicated that **SOUTH CAROLINA** farmers were planting more acreage to corn, cotton, hay, peanuts and, winter wheat, but less to tobacco, soybeans and, oats.

CORN growers planted a total of 360,000 acres of corn this spring. This is 3 percent above 2010 and 7 percent above 2009. Growers expect to harvest 340,000 acres for grain, 1 percent above last year and 6 percent above 2009.

TOBACCO acreage in 2011 is placed at 14,500 acres. This is down 9 percent from 2010 and down 22 percent from 2009.

COTTON growers planted a total of 270,000 acres this spring. This is up 34 percent from 2010 and up 135 percent from 2009.

SOYBEAN growers are in the final stages of planting a total of 400,000 acres this year. This is down 14 percent from 2010 and 32 percent below 2009.

WINTER WHEAT planted acres for this year are set at 200,000 acres – up 38 percent from last year and up 21 percent from 2009.

OATS, including both fall and spring plantings, totaled 22,000 acres – down 15 percent from 2010 and down 27 percent from 2009.

PEANUT acreage, at 70,000, is up 4 percent from 2010 and 40 percent above 2009.

HAY acres for harvest this year are expected to total 390,000 acres – up 8 percent from 2010 and up 11 percent from 2009.

UNITED STATES 2011 PLANTED ACRES AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Soybeans	75.2	Mil. Ac.	97%	Barley	2.82	Mil. Ac.	98%
Corn	92.3	Mil. Ac.	105%	Sorghum	5.35	Mil. Ac.	99%
Cotton, Upland	13.4	Mil. Ac.	125%	Hay, All	57.6	Mil. Ac.	96%
Wheat, Winter	41.1	Mil. Ac.	110%	Peanuts	1.15	Mil. Ac.	89%
Oats, Planted	2.59	Mil. Ac.	82%	Tobacco, F.C.	216,000	Acres	102%
Rye, Planted	1.25	Mil. Ac.	103%	Sweetpotatoes	132,600	Acres	111%